

Torrance, California.  
April 5, 1927.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 5, 1927, and was called to order at 7.45 P.M. by President Dennis. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: Foley.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 1927 were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of March 22, 1927, were read and approved as read.

Trustee Foley came in during the reading of the minutes.

A letter from the local Chamber of Commerce requested that the same consideration be shown regarding zoning to the Huntington-Redondo Land Company as had been shown the Ellingwood interests. Same was to be taken up later.

The President ordered the opening of bids for a cement mixer as had been advertised.

Two bids were received as follows:

Harron, Rickard & McCone Co.,	Kwik mix	\$755.00
Schultz, Peckham & Schultz,	Oshkosh mixer	850.00

Trustee Brooks moved that the bids be referred to the Street Committee for consideration and recommendation. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A second letter from the Chamber of Commerce dated March 30th, regarding fire hydrants near the International Derrick Company was referred to the Fire Chief for investigation and report.

A petition signed by fifteen property owners of the Plaza Del Amo district, protesting against the cutting of trees on above named street was read.

A committee report was to be received on the matter so action was deferred for the time being.

The paving of 190th street, plans for which were submitted by the County of Los Angeles, from Western Avenue west and by the City of Los Angeles from Western Avenue east, were explained by the City Engineer. Same was laid over for further consideration.

As had been advertised, the President announced that this is the time and place for the hearing of protests against the contemplated improvement of Madrid Avenue under Resolution of Intention No. 323.

No written protests had been filed, the Clerk reported, and none were voiced.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 324  
ORDERING WORK ON MADRID AVENUE.

Trustee Brooks moved that Resolution No. 324 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.  
NOES: Trustees: None.  
ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Mr. Klusman asked why the curbs and sidewalks were being charged to the property on Madrid while the improving of the street was being paid for by the general public.

President Dennis stated that property owners on Madrid were due some consideration as they were hit bad from the standpoint of the Railroad going through. The people bought there thinking they had a 110 foot street and then 60 feet of the street was given the Santa Fe, so they were entitled to something.

Mr. Vonderahe again brought up the question of rezoning in Blocks 107 and 108. Consideration was taken up later.

Mr. Smith mentioned the real estate office that had been located near the Columbia Steel by Mr. Nestor, stating that Mr. Nestor would like a temporary permit for three months for this building; that he did not know it was against the ordinance. No direct action was taken.

Mr. Bertelsen requested permission to build a corrugated iron garage and warehouse on the back of his business location at 1322 Sartori.

President Dennis stated that he was very much opposed to corrugated iron buildings in the business district. No action was taken.

Trustee Foley stated that a request had been made to remove two trees on Engracia.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 149  
GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE SEABOARD PET. CORP.

Trustee Brooks moved that Ordinance No. 149 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.  
NOES: Trustees: None.  
ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 150  
GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE JULIAN PET. CORP.

Trustee Brooks moved that ordinance No. 150 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.  
NOES: Trustees: None.  
ABSENT: Trustees: None.

The Clerk mentioned:

ORDINANCE NO. 147  
SETBACK ON CRAVENS AVENUE.

Stating that he wished to get action one way or another so as to complete his records.

Trustee Foley moved that Ordinance No. 147 be not adopted. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Foley, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: Brooks and Inman.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

The Plumbing Inspector reported that the first few houses built in the Nestor Court did not comply with the ordinance as to 4 inch stacks and that he had insisted that the two inch stacks now in be removed and replaced with the four inch; and wanted the approval of the Board to his action.

Trustee Brooks moved that Mr. Nestor be required to use the four inch stacks in all his buildings. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Trustee Brooks reported that the Weather Bureau appointed local officers and furnished them with a set of instruments; that he had seen Col. Hersey and learned that Congress had failed to appropriate sufficient funds so that new appointments could not be made this year and that, if anything was done, the City would have to provide their own instruments.

Engineer Leonard reported for his Committee that, though one or two trees had fallen on account of rain, there was no special danger from this source on Plaza Del Amo; that eucalyptus trees caused more or less dirt but the committee recommended that the trees be left standing and they be topped if necessary.

Trustee Brooks moved that the trees on Plaza Del Amo be topped and trimmed in accordance with the recommendations of the committee and that the committee be discharged with thanks. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Taking up the rezoning of Blocks 107 and 108, Trustee Brooks stated that this same request had been advisedly denied by the Board of Trustees twice before; that in such a district only an irresponsible element would build or live which same would require industrial plants to keep watchmen; that continual bickerings between the residents and the industries would result; that these gentlemen had bought this land in good faith and that he believed they would stand to make more money if the land was saved for small industries; that he had talked the matter over with Mr. Pontius who was willing to put a track in this district as soon as business reasons would justify it; that it would be inimical to the best interests of the City to rezone the district.

Several gentlemen sponsoring the project spoke on the matter and all of them seemed to be willing to take any path that would start activity of some kind. President Dennis stated that no definite plans had been presented to the Board showing just what improvements were intended and that he thought no tentative action should be taken by the Board.

It was finally decided to lay the matter over for 30 days and in the meantime Trustee Brooks and representatives of the district would wait on Mr. Pontius hoping to get a definite statement from him that a track would be built into this district at the expense of the Pacific Electric.

Trustee Briney reported that the C.C.M.O. had requested that the telephone question be laid on the table for a short time as the Telephone Company is arranging rate schedules.

President Dennis reminded the Board that this Board had been functioning for a year and that a new presiding officer should be chosen.

Trustee Foley moved that Mr. Dennis, the present Chairman of the Board be nominated as Chairman for the ensuing year. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion.

Trustee Foley moved that nominations be closed. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 154  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 151

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 325  
REGARDING ZONING IN MEADOW PARK DISTRICT

Trustee Foley moved that Resolution No. 325 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Inman moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

At 10.20 P.M. Trustee Foley moved to adjourn. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bantlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

Tom Dennis  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.